unhindered access to the runway endangering the lives of passengers; and

(c) if so, whether Government will think of removing or relocating this place of worship?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir. No new second runway has been constructed at Calcutta Airport, recently.

(b) Persons attending the prayer have no access to any of the two runways. Further, the persons attending the prayer are subjected to security check, before proceeding to the prayer place, which is about 680 meters away from second runway and movement of these persons is also monitored by Airport Security officials.

(c) The re-location of the place of worship outside the operational area has already been taken up with the State Government.

Revamping of fleet and services of IA

91. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a revamp of fleet and services of Indian Airlines is in the offing;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this exercise is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) A Techno Economic evaluation study to replace the ageing fleet of B-737 and A-300 aircraft in Indian Airlines is currently underway. On completion of the study, necessary action will be taken according to the prescribed procedure. No time frame, however, can be fixed at this stage.

Development of Ajmer Airport

92. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has been advised by its own officers that Ajmer should be developed as an Airport; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that pilgrims are

coming not only from different parts of the country but from all over the world to Ajmer; if so, how Government plan to facilitate such pilgrims to reach Ajmer more comfortably and in lesser time?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Ajmer has excellent rail and road connections. It is only 136 km. away from Jaipur. Under the existing policy, no green field airport is to be developed within an aerial distance of 150 km. of an existing airport.

Formulation of new Civil Aviation Policy

93. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are evolving a new Civil Aviation Policy; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) A new draft of the National Policy on Civil Aviation is under formulation.

Privatisation of Airports

94. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for privatisation of major airports in metros;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether these airports have been identified; and

(d) if so, which are these airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) The Government has decided to corporatise the airports at Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Calcutta for the following reasons: